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Fierro Caliente, Latin ‘Hot Fire’ entertains Soldiers in Iraq

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DeStefano, Mai Laughing2.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Pfc. Christina Mai (center), from Killeen, Texas, a supply specialist for Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, laughs as Sgt. 1st Class Josh DeStefano, who hails from Los Angeles (left, back to camera), a keyboard player and composer with the 4th Inf. Div. Band, demonstrates a new dance move guaranteed to keep participants on their toes. The Band's 12-person Latin ensemble, Fierro Caliente, entertained Soldiers at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sep. 7.

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Dancing 2.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers dance to a Latin beat when the 4th Infantry Division Band's 12-member Latin ensemble, Fierro Caliente, entertains the troops at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sep. 7. "We brought Salsa to Iraq and they still love it here," said Fierro Caliente's leader, Sgt. 1st Class Aulio Marroquin, from San Antonio, in remembering the bands first rotation with the division to Iraq three years ago. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mary Mott, 363rd MPAD)



Marroquin sings.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Sgt. 1st Class Aulio Marroquin (right), leader of the 4th Infantry Division Band's 12-person Latin ensemble, Fierro Caliente "Hot Fire," also plays trombone and sings with the group. Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers had the opportunity to dance to a Latin beat when the group entertained at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sep. 7. "We brought Salsa to Iraq and they still love it here," said Fierro Caliente's leader, Sgt. 1st Class Aulio Marroquin, from San Antonio, in remembering the bands first rotation with the division to Iraq three years ago. Next to Marroquin is Spc. Matthew Leischenring on trombone.

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Fierro Caliente.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – The 4th Infantry Division Band's 12-member Latin ensemble, Fierro Caliente "Hot Fire," entertains Soldiers at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sep. 7. Members of the ensemble include (from left to right), Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Ledoux, from Toledo, Ohio, on trumpet; Spc. Edward Stoklosa, from Grand Ledge, Mich., on saxophone; Sgt. Henry Reyna, from San Antonio, on trumpet; Sgt. Michael Agee from Englewood, Ohio, on saxophone; Sgt. Matthew Leischenring, from Amana, Iowa, on trombone; Sgt. Luis Feliciano (front), from San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, base guitar and vocalist; Sgt. Daniel Arizmendi, from Brownsville, Texas, on drums; Spc. Dennis Kerr, from Sparks, Nev., on bongo drums; and Staff Sgt. Josh DiStefano, from Los Angeles, on keyboard. Not shown in the photograph is the group's leader, Sgt. 1st Class Aulio Marroquin, from San Antonio, who also plays trombone; 1Sgt. Chris Lopez, from Seminole, Texas, lead trumpet; and Sgt. Jose Pena, from Brownsville, on baritone saxophone.

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